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Dear Patients

In our Autumn Newsletter, our Senior Partner, Dr Paul Frisby, highlighted the collective action being undertaken by Practices across the country to address ongoing challenges.

We would like to inform you of a change to how we manage blood tests requested by external healthcare professionals, eg. hospital and other clinics. Historically we have carried out blood tests requested by other healthcare professionals, however, it has become increasingly unsustainable for the Practice to continue providing this service while it remains subsidised from our own resources. This decision has not been taken lightly.

We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to these pressures and ensure that our services remain viable and focused on providing the best possible care to our patients.

We will continue to carry out blood tests that have been requested by one of our own clinicians, but any requests from clinicians outside of Arlington Road Medical Practice will need to be booked into one of the secondary care services listed below:-

- **The Eastbourne Hospital Phlebotomy Department**
- **The Bexhill Community Diagnostic Centre**

You can either book online at: https://swiftqueue.co.uk/east_sussex_phlebotomy.php
or telephone: 0300 131 5560.

Please note these clinics DO NOT operate a walk-in service, you must pre-book an appointment.

Thank you for your understanding.

The Partners – Arlington Road Medical Practice